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DELEGATION ATTENDING LA SCALA OPENING (SEPT. 3-13)

FOR EUR/WE AND CU

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1. MAYOR TOGNOLI HAS TOLD US--THROUGH FELLOW DELEGATION
MEMBER GIUSEPPE ABBONDANZA--THAT HE WOULD LIKE US TO
ARRANGE FOR HIM TO SEE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE CARTER IF
POSSIBLE WHEN MILAN GROUP IS IN THE U.S.

2. WE TOLD ABBONDANZA THAT MEETING WITH CARTER WOULD
PROBABLY PROVE DIFFICULT, PARTICULARLY SINCE CANDIDATE
MIGHT WELL BE NOWHERE WITHIN RANGE OF MILAN GROUP DURING
THEIR U.S. STAY. WE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT WE WOULD FORWARD
MAYOR'S REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT.

3. COMMENT. POSSIBILITY THAT TOGNOLI-CARTER MEETING
COULD BE PUBLICIZED AND SIGNIFICANCE GIVE FACT THAT
TWO OF TOGNOLI'S TRAVELLING COMPANIONS ARE PCI MEMBERS
IS DANGER THAT WOULD ATTEND ANY SUCH GET-TOGETHER.
ON OTHER HAND, MAYOR IS AUTONOMIST AND
PRO-WESTERN TO FINGERTIPS AS WELL AS POLITICAL
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AND PERSONAL ALLY OF NEW PSI SECRETARY BETTINO CRAXI.

AS SUCH, TOGNOLI IS MAN WHOSE AUTHORITY IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO
ENHANCE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO TOGNOLI'S REQUEST.WRIGHT

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